



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

## **San Diego Police Department**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**Time: 2315 Hours**

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### **POLICE INVESTIGATE OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING AT SAN YSIDRO PORT**

**San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives are investigating a shooting involving officers of U.S. Department of Customs & Border Protection.**

**This afternoon, at approximately 1700 hours, San Diego Police officers were dispatched to the San Ysidro Port of Entry, 720 E. San Ysidro Boulevard, on a report of shots fired at the port. They arrived to find a male down in the area just north of the pedestrian lanes to enter the United States. The male was transported to a trauma center, where he is currently undergoing surgery for his injuries.**

**The preliminary investigation has revealed that the male (currently unidentified) approached a pedestrian booth and attempted to walk through without being fully screened by an officer of U.S. Customs & Border Protection. When the male continued through the turnstile without permission, the officer yelled for him to return. Additional officers grabbed the male and escorted him behind the turnstile for proper screening. The male reached into his waistband and produced a chrome-finished replica handgun, which he raised above his head. Several people reported hearing the handgun making a noise consistent with a gunshot. In response, two Customs & Border Protection officers fired at the suspect.**

**The agents involved in the shooting are 2 /1/2 year veterans of U.S. Customs & Border Protection.**

**The San Diego Police Department's Homicide Unit will investigate the use of force in this incident, while the Department of Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE) will evaluate criminal charges against the suspect.**

**The suspect is under federal guard at the hospital.**

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